

# He had his

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“A while later, then officer-in-charge of Teknaf Police Station Pradeep Kumar Das reached the spot and kicked the man who was lying on the ground and stomped on his neck with his foot to confirm his death,” the source added, quoting Amin.  
Amin also claimed that he knew Liaquat and Pradeep. But he did not know the victim when the incident happened. Later, he learnt that the victim was Maj (ret'd) Sinha.  
Judge Mohammad Ismail recorded Amin’s deposition, which began at 10:15am and continued for an hour and around 15 minutes. The defence then cross-examined his statement.  
All 15 accused in the case were present in the court yesterday, said court’s Public Prosecutor Faridul Alam.

The court began recording statements of witnesses in the second phase of the hearing on Sunday and will continue it today. The court has summoned 15 witnesses to testify during this period. Of them, three witnesses could testify before the court till yesterday.

Earlier, local fish trader Mohammad Ali and CNG-run auto-rickshaw driver Md Kamal Hossain placed their depositions before the court on Sunday and Monday.  
In the first phase, the court recorded statements of two witnesses between August 23 and 25 -- Sinha’s sister and complainant of the case Sharmin Shahriar Ferdous and one of Sinha’s associates Shahedul Islam Sifat.

After giving their testimonies, all the witnesses were cross-examined by defence lawyers, said PP Faridul.  
According to the charge sheet, 83 people are witnesses to the incident.  
On June 27, the court framed charges against 15 accused. Of them, 12 are police personnel, including Pradeep, Liaquat, sub-inspector Md Shahjahan, and assistant sub-inspector Liton Mia, who were all suspended from their posts.  
The investigators submitted the charge sheet on December 13 last year.

On August 23, the court began the case’s formal trial through recording testimony of Sharmin.  
Sinha, 36, had been making travel documentaries for a YouTube channel called “Just Go”. He was returning to Cox’s Bazar from Teknaf.  
He was killed in a police firing at a checkpoint of Armed Police Battalion (APBn) at Teknaf’s Shamlapur area on July 31 last year.  
Police claimed that they tried to search the vehicle, and Sinha aimed his pistol at them, prompting them to shoot back in self-defence. They also claimed that they seized drugs from the vehicle.  
Later, Sinha’s elder sister Sharmin filed the murder case with Teknaf Senior Judicial Magistrate’s Court against Pradeep, Nandadulal, and several others.



A man carries away a girl who was injured during aerial bombardment at a makeshift camp for displaced Syrians near the town of Kafraya in the north of Syria's rebel-held Idlib province yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

# Badly cleaned schools can help spread

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remained closed for long,” he said.  
The government on September 5 announced that schools and colleges will reopen from September 12 in phases.  
Earlier, the government also decided to reopen universities from October 15.  
Educational institutions have been closed since March 17 last year due to the pandemic.  
According to data of the Directorate General of Health Services, 12,434 people were hospitalised with dengue fever across the country this year until 8:00am yesterday. As many as 52 others died from dengue infection.  
Visiting some schools in the capital’s Gendaria and Jatrabari on Sunday and Monday, this newspaper found that the authorities took initiatives to clean their institutions before reopening. However, steps taken up by some others were not satisfactory.

The premises of Muradpur Primary School and Muradpur Adarsha High School, both situated on the same campus in Jurain, were not clean.  
There are two places on the premises where benches were piled up under tarpaulin. There was stagnant water on the tarpaulin and discarded pots were lying under the benches.  
“We have already cleaned our school and its premises to reopen it,” claimed Mahbubur Rahman Khan, assistant headmaster of Muradpur High School.  
He, however, said keeping the school clean was very tough as it was located in the DND embankment area where waterlogging occurs due to poor drainage system.  
Asked whether the city corporation conducted any anti-mosquito drive at their school, the teacher replied in the negative.  
The headmaster of Muradpur Primary School also said they cleaned their building.

About the anti-mosquito drive, he said workers from the city corporation sprayed anti-mosquito chemicals at their school about a month ago. At that time, they had asked the workers to conduct such drives on a regular basis.  
Brig Gen Jobaidur Rahman, chief health officer of Dhaka North City Corporation, said they started carrying out larvicide and adulticide spraying activities at schools since Monday.  
All educational institutions will have to clean their institutes properly and will keep watch whether there is stagnant water. They will also have to flush their toilets as Aedes also can breed there, he said.  
DSCC Chief Executive Officer Farid Ahmmad said they would conduct anti-mosquito drives at any school if the authorities concerned ask them.  
“We have already conducted anti-mosquito drives at some schools upon request,” he said.

# Free Bangladesh to join

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Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman would constitute a threat to peace as he did not belong to Bangladesh alone, but to the whole world.  
He reiterated the four-point proposal as put forward by the Bangladesh prime minister and the acting president as preconditions to a political settlement of the Bangladesh issue. They were: recognition of Bangladesh by West Pakistan, unconditional release of Bangabandhu, withdrawal of the invading army and compensation for all losses suffered by the people at the hands of the Pakistan army.  
MOSCOW WARNS PINDI AGAINST

WAR  
The Soviet Union was reported to have warned Pakistan against any misadventure like going to war against India. This had been intimated to President Yahya Khan’s special emissary to Moscow Sultan Mohammad Khan, Pakistan’s foreign secretary, who had suddenly cut short his visit and returned to Islamabad today.  
The reason for his sudden departure from Moscow for home was said to be linked with his desire to convey the Soviet stand to his government as early as possible.  
ON THE WAR FRONT  
In the Kushtia-Jessore-Khulna sector, Mukti Bahini today raided the Pakistani position at Brittiachara

killing eight Pakistani troops and injuring three.  
In Dhaka-Comilla-Chittagong sector, Mukti Bahini ambushed three boats carrying Pakistani troops in the Monipur area. In this action, seven Pakistani troops were killed.  
In another operation, Bangladeshi freedom fighters ambushed enemy troops travelling in three country boats in Mohanganj area in Mymensingh district. The enemy fled leaving behind three boats and large quantities of arms and ammunitions. The boats and stores were recovered by the Mukti Bahini.  
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০২	সম্প্রদায়িক সূত্রের নাম	সমাজসেবা অফিসার, শহর সমাজসেবা কার্যালয়, পটুয়াখালী।
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Gazi Wires Limited  
(An Enterprise of Bangladesh Steel & Engineering Corporation)  
28-FIDC Road, Kalurghat, Chattogram-4212, Bangladesh.

Tender Notice (NCT)

1	Procuring entity name	Managing Director, Gazi Wires Limited (BSEC), 28-FIDC Road, Kalurghat, Chattogram-4212, Bangladesh.
2	Procuring entity district	Chattogram.
3	Invitation for	(1) Uniform for Workers and Staffs (2) Wall Calendar and Desk Calendar
4	Invitation Ref. No.	(1) GWPUR/74/OTM (NCT)/2021-2022 Dated: 07/09/2021 (2) GWPUR/071/OTM (NCT)/2021-2022 Dated: 07/09/2021
5	Procurement method	Open Tender Method (NCT).
6	Budget and source of fund	Gazi Wires Limited's own fund.
7	Tender publication date	08/09/2021
8	Tender last selling date	29/09/2021 (During office time).
9	Tender closing date and time	Date 30/09/2021 Time 11:30am (Bangladesh Betar Time)
10	Tender opening date and time	30/09/2021 11:45am (Bangladesh Betar Time)
11	Name & address of the office(s)	Address (a) Selling of tender document 1) Cash Section, Bangladesh Steel & Engineering, BSEC Bhaban, 102, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh. (2) Cash Section, Gazi Wires Limited, 28-FIDC Road, Kalurghat, Chattogram-4212, Bangladesh. (b) Receiving and opening of tender document 1) At the Office of Gazi Wires Ltd., 28-FIDC Road, Kalurghat, Chattogram-4212, Bangladesh.
12	Price of tender document (each)	BDT 1,000.00 (one thousand).
13	Brief description of goods	
	Tender package No.	Description of goods and works Tender security amount (BDT)
	GWPUR/74/OTM(NCT)/2021-2022	Uniform for Workers and Staffs BDT 6,000.00 (six thousand only)
	GWPUR/071/OTM(NCT)/2021-2022	Wall Calendar and Desk Calendar BDT 15,000.00 (fifteen thousand only)
14	Regarding tender document	The tender document may be purchased by the interested tenderers on the submission of a written application to the addresses as mentioned in Serial No. 11(a) and upon payment of a non-refundable fee BDT 1000.00. The method of payment will be in the form of cash in favour of Gazi Wires Ltd. No tender will be sent by courier or mail. One tender document cannot be used for submission of tender proposal(s) by more than one tenderer.
15	Special instruction	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without showing any reason.

Shyamal Sarker  
Senior Purchase Officer  
Head of Commercial  
For-Managing Director

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# Court accepts charges

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Mohammad Russell Mollah of the Detective Branch of police pressed charges only against Kajol before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate’s Court of Dhaka on April 8.  
Russell appealed to the court to relieve the other accused.  
The charge sheet stated that Kajol posted defamatory, objectionable and indecent writings on Facebook about several leaders and activists of the Awami League and Jubo Mohila League.  
Usmin Ara and Sumaiya Chowdhury Bonya, central committee members of Jubo Mahila League, filed two other cases against Kajol with Hazaribagh and Kamrangirchar police stations under the DSA on March 10 and 11 last year.  
The tribunal set September 8 to decide whether to accept the charges pressed in the case filed with Kamrangirchar Police Station. The one with Hazaribagh Police Station remains pending with the same tribunal.  
Kajol went missing on March 10 last year. The Border Guard Bangladesh personnel on May 3 last year said they found him roaming near the Benapole border and detained him. He was sent to jail by a Jashore court the same day under section 54 of the Code of the Criminal Procedure (CrPC).  
He was later arrested in the three cases filed under the DSA.  
A lower court denied him bail for seven months until the High Court on November 24 granted him bail in one of the cases. The HC on December 17 granted him bail in two other cases after Kajol’s lawyer argued that probes had to be complete within 75 days of filing of the cases, and the investigators failed to do so.  
The photojournalist walked out of jail on December 25.

# Floating

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to the huge ships and the smoke from the refineries of Europe’s biggest seaport, which accounts for 13.5 percent of the country’s emissions.  
With their floating farm, which opened in 2019, Peter and Minke say they wanted to “bring the countryside into the town”, boost consumer awareness and create agricultural space.  
The Dutch are no strangers to advanced farming methods, using a network of huge greenhouses in particular to become the world’s second biggest agricultural exporter after the United States.  
But that has come at a cost. The Netherlands is one of Europe’s largest per capita emitters of climate change gases and faces a major problem with agricultural emissions, particularly in the dairy sector which produces large amounts of methane from cows.



# Jamuna group retracts

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landscape since its entry on December 16, 2018 with its incredulous discounts.  
Later, Jamuna Group divulged that the Tk 200 crore of the initial investment was in supplier’s credit, which remains outstanding. In other words, Jamuna Group was converting debt into equity, so it is not a cash injection per se.  
And the rest of the amount, as per the letter of intent -- which is not a legally binding contract between the two parties -- would most likely be in the form of goods.  
Now, Alam has quashed all possibility of injecting cash in Evaly, which has been searching high and low for funding to fill the massive hole in its books brought about by its aggressive customer acquisition strategy.  
In its recent submission to the commerce ministry, As of July 15, Evaly, which is facing the wrath of customers and vendors alike for delayed delivery of goods

and payment, has total liabilities of Tk 543 crore, according to its response on September 2 to the commerce ministry’s show-cause notice on its financial status.  
Of the sum, it owes Tk 311 crore to more than 2 lakh customers, who have been waiting a while for goods they purchased with advance payment on the platform.  
It owes Tk 206 crore to merchants. Evaly did not disclose the number of vendors it owes money to in its response to the commerce ministry’s show-cause notice.  
The e-commerce platform had assets amounting to about Tk 92 crore, and of the amount, the current asset was Tk 65 crore.  
Rassel, who faces a travel ban because of an ongoing probe into the disappearance of Tk 338 crore from Evaly’s accounts, declined to make any comment on Jamuna Group’s decision to walk back on its plan to invest.  
“We are constantly on the lookout for investors,” he told The Daily Star.

# May not be ready when

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is 2024, the authorities planned to operate trains on the Mawa-Bhanga section on the day the bridge would be open. Currently, Bhanga is connected with a railway network.  
Sujan yesterday said officials have been working to make the Mawa-Bangha section ready for train operation on the day the bridge would be open to the public.  
He added that the section witnessed 69 percent progress so far.  
Currently, works for installing a gas line and building a walkway on the bottom section of the bridge is going on.  
He said it would require six months to install rail tracks on the bridge and the BR wanted to install the tracks simultaneously, but BBA did not agree to that.  
“If we get a chance to start work in December or January next year, we will be able to complete the work by June. But if we get the chance in March or April next year, we may not be able to start operating trains on Day 1,” he said.  
If they fail to launch train operation on Day-1, they would try to bring Dhaka to Bhanga section under operation within December next year, the minister said.  
He added that works for installing rail tracks might cause vibration and their works may be hampered. “For technical reasons, both the works should be completed simultaneously,” he said, adding that they were discussing the matter with BBA.  
Asked whether the June 2022 deadline can be changed for it, the minister said, “We don’t want to see that the deadline has to be changed for us.”  
Bridge Division Secretary Abu Bakr Siddique, also the executive director

of BBA, said the gas line is being installed under a different project and it has to be done first.  
Officials are working to let the installation of railways begin in January next year.  
“And we hope they [railway authority] would be able to complete their works before inauguration of the bridge,” he told The Daily Star last night.  
“We want no work on the bridge to remain incomplete after its inauguration,” he said. “We are hopeful about meeting the deadline.”  
PROJECT PROGRESS  
PBRLP was approved in March 2016 with the cost initially estimated to be Tk 34,989 crore. But the physical work of the project commenced only in July 2018, mainly due to the delay in signing of the loan contract with Chinese Exim Bank.  
In the meantime, project costs climbed to Tk 39,246 crore and the deadline was extended up to 2024.  
Although the fast-track project suffered setbacks twice due to problems in the design of viaducts and the pandemic, it witnessed 43.5 percent progress so far.  
The authority has already installed 1.7km rail lines on the viaduct at Mawa end and the minister and high officials yesterday took a ride on a gang car on this part.  
On the other hand, the minister yesterday inaugurated the installation of rail tracks on the viaduct at Janjira end. The Dhaka-Mawa section witnessed 40.5 percent progress while Bhanga-Jashore section witnessed 32 percent progress.  
Railways Ministry Secretary Salim Reza, BR’s Director General Dharendra Nath Mazumder, PBRLP director Afzal Hossain, among others, accompanied the minister.

# Khaleda’s plea sent to PMO

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have given my opinion on the application and sent it back to the home ministry today [yesterday].  
“Now, the home ministry will send the file to the Prime Minister’s Office for approval. After getting the decision from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the home ministry will take necessary measures.”  
He, however, refused to disclose the opinion he has given on the application. “I will not disclose my opinion now. Wait until the honourable prime minister’s approval.”  
Replying to a query, he said the application was submitted on behalf of Khaleda for further extension of suspension of her jail sentence saying that her physical condition has worsened and therefore she needs to go abroad for treatment.  
The application is similar to the previous application on which the government has suspended her jail sentence for a few times under section 401 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), the law minister said.

On March 25 last year, the government released the BNP chief after suspending her jail sentence as per section 401 (1) of the Criminal Code of Procedure (CrPC).  
Later, the suspension of her jail sentence was extended twice and the government issued separate notifications to this effect. The notification said Khaleda will receive treatment at her home and she cannot go abroad during this period.  
Khaleda landed in jail on February 8, 2017, after being sentenced to five years’ imprisonment by a special court in Dhaka in the Zia Orphanage Trust graft case. On October 30 the following year, the High Court enhanced her punishment to 10 years after dismissing her appeal in the case.  
The former prime minister was convicted by another special court in Dhaka in the Zia Charitable Trust corruption case on October 29, 2018. She was sentenced to seven years’ rigorous imprisonment by the court.

# We Deeply Mourn

Shri S.B Prasad founder Chairman of Jaya Group passed away due to old-age complications at his residence on August 20, 2021 early morning.

The veteran businessman is survived by his wife, three sons, daughters-in-laws, daughters, sons-in-laws, grandchildren, relatives and a host of well-wishers.

May the Almighty give the family and friends strength to bear this irreparable loss!

Jaya Group